



## MAY 2019 Newsletter

### Sarah's Message

Time for...

May is an odd month. It's the only month where we have two Bank Holidays that are not related to religious festivals. Probably so working people could plan for a regular extended break, our government holds all our Bank Holidays except the religious ones on Mondays, and if Christmas Day or Boxing Day fall on a weekend, workers may also have the following Monday off (or Monday and Tuesday if Christmas Day was on Saturday!)

The Early Spring Bank Holiday parallels celebrations around the world to mark May Day – a day celebrating the coming of Spring across much of the Northern hemisphere and formerly used by the USSR to celebrate liberation of the workers. The Late Spring Bank Holiday used to be Whit Monday, and was a contraction of the mediaeval practice of the working class (villeins) having a week off after celebrating Whitsun, or Pentecost. However, as the date for Whitsun alters with the date of Easter, the government regularised the holiday to the last Monday in May.

So, for those who work, this month you have two extra days off. For those who don't, you have two extra days when most of the shops will be shut! What will you do with those two days? Will you go on holiday? Half term usually includes the last Monday in May, so lots of people will make that choice! Will you take time to catch up with family or friends? Will you remember Ruth Wood's leaving do on May 4<sup>th</sup>, just before the first Bank Holiday and our AGM on the 24<sup>th</sup>, just before the second? Will you use those two days to either deepen your own relationship with God or to serve others in His name by being with and helping out someone who needs company or help?

However you choose to use those two days, use them well.

Rev. Sarah Bingham

### LENTEN PLEDGE CHALLENGE

If you took part in the 40 day Lent Challenge, can I say a big thank you for taking part over the session of Lent. If you haven't already collected your sponsorship money and handed it in to me, can you do so over the next 2 weeks.

Thank you. Robert Silvera



**Tuesday 7th May 9:30am –12noon**  
Mend-It Sewing items sale.

**Friday 24th May 7:30pm**  
Church Annual General Meeting  
all invited.

**Saturday 25th May 1pm - 4pm**  
**Asian Spring Food Festival**

A celebration of delicious Asian and local food to taste, sample and buy recipe cards. There will be entertainment, music, dance performance plus guess the weight of the cake competition. The winner wins the cake.

**Main event: Eat as much as you can!!**  
The person who can eat the most Chicken Curry meals wins a Great prize Register at 2pm with a £5 admission fee The whole event is **FREE** so please come along and support. Refreshments available on sale.

All proceeds for The Kitchen Fund.

**Saturday 1st June: 10:30am**  
Coffee Morning and Plant Sale  
Bring your friends and family, all are invited.